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SUBJECT:.. MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

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1. ACCOMPANIED BY THE DCM I CALLED ON UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GALLASTEGUI TODAY AND, TELLING HIM THAT I WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, GAVE HIM WITH CONSIDERABLE SERIOUSNESS OUR POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL.

2. GALLASTEGUI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR POSITION. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE ALSO SPEAK AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY WITH AMBASSADOR CONZALEZ GALVEZ AS CHIEF OF THE MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT. HE REMINDED US THAT MEXICO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND HENCE AT LIMA HAD ONLY BEEN AN OBSERVER. HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT MEXICO WOULD JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT ECEHVERRIA'S REPEATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THIS EFFECT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WAS CENTRAL TO MEXICO'S POLICY AND HENCE SHOULD APPLY TO THE PUERTO RICO MATTER ALSO.

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3. IN CLOSING THE CONVERSATION I TOLD HIM THAT WHILE THIS

WAS INDEED A MULTILATERAL PROBLEM, IT ALSO HAD VERY STRONG
BILATERAL ASPECTS AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT I HAD
WISHED TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO HIM. AS REGARDS THE MULTI-
LATERAL ASPECTS I TOLD HIM HOW UNACCEPTABLE IT WOULD BE TO
US IF WE WERE TO FIND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTEMPTING TO
CANCEL OR REVOKE ITS LEGITIMIZATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF
PUERTO RICO'S SELF-DETERMINATION OR TO SUDDENLY FIND A
MOVEMENT TO HAVE A PUERTO RICO "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVE-
MENT" REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN STATUS AS AN OBSERVER IN THE
MANNER OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. GALLAS-
TEGUI REPEATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR
POSITION AND WOULD ALSO INFORM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ON
HIS RETURN FROM HIS RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT TITO ON THE
COAST.

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